

VILLA GIVES
GRAVE HINT
TO WILSONBandit Leader Cautions United
States Against Interference.Blames "First Chief" for Civil
War Now Raging.

IN PEACE OFFER TO CARRANZA

Proposes That "Two Get To-
gether" and Settle Quarrel.Washington Charge of Famine
and Anarchy Denied.

El Paso, June 12.—Declaring the United States has no right to interfere in Mexico's internal affairs and denying the anarchy and starvation alleged in President Wilson's note on Mexico, General Francisco Villa's reply made public here today blames General Carranza for the civil warfare.

Villa denied outside relief was necessary in Mexico.

In addition to his reply to President Wilson, General Villa made public a copy of the proposal to Carranza that they arrange a peaceful settlement of Mexico's internal differences. Either the reactionaries will gain the upper hand or the revolutionists fight between themselves or the United States will intervene, Villa urged upon Carranza.

To Wilson Today.

The reply was presented to President Wilson in Washington this afternoon by a personal representative of Villa.

The chief of the Constitutionalist faction states that the false ideas of revolutionary purposes, diffused by those who sought to retain power indefinitely without loss, without courts and without discipline of any kind, resulted in the split after Carranza and Villa overthrew Huerta.

Not All Stupidly Ambitious.
"Do not judge us as all selfishly and stupidly ambitious and false to the principles for which we took up arms," was told the president. "We

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BRYAN TAKES REST

Says Predecessors Never Worked
Harder Than He.To Announce Plans After Trip
to Old Point Comfort.

Washington, June 12.—Former Secretary Bryan's campaign to put before the American people his position growing out of the situation between the United States and Germany was expected to have come to an end for the present with the publication today of his appeal to German Americans in his third statement since his resignation.

Mr. Bryan announced today he will devote the next two weeks to resting. He intends to visit Old Point Comfort for the week-end, and on his return, he said, would have his plans for June matured.

In a statement announcing his movements, Mr. Bryan emphasized that none of his predecessors has served more hours at his desk, a greater number of days in the year, and added that Mrs. Bryan was also in need of a rest.

BATTLE OF LEON DRAW

Carothers Reports No Decision in
Villa-Oregon Clash.

Washington, June 12.—The battle of Leon, between Generals Villa and Obregon's forces, has ended in a draw.

Consul Carothers reported this to the state department today.

WAR ODDITIES.

London.—There is a total of 2,652 hospitals in the British navy who received soldiers in England, Ireland and Wales with 178,481 beds, according to an estimate made public today.

London.—An army chaplain acting as censor for soldier letters in France, discovered that one "Tommy" wrote to four different girls sending the same story of love to each.

Yarmouth.—The captain of a mine sweeper returning to port after being shelled and chased by a German submarine exhibited a canary cage, the bottom of which had been severed by a shell leaving the canary unhurt on its perch.

Cardiff.—Due to the dearth of men on account of enlistments women have volunteered to act as street sweepers.

London.—Hundreds of sailors in the British navy who received life saving collars have learned they were the gifts from Queen Mary.

GOOD-BYE TO LOQUACIOUS
DR. BERNHARD DERNBERG

New York, June 12.—Dr. Bernhard Dernberg, the former German colonial secretary, who has been in this country for several months, during which time he has delivered several speeches defining the German point of view in the war, bade farewell to friends here today.

He planned to sail this afternoon for Bergen, Norway, on board the Norwegian-American line steamship Bergensfjord.

Dr. Dernberg will cross the ocean under an assurance of safe conduct given to the state department at Washington by the British, French and Russian embassies.

No official announcement had been made as to whether he would remain in Scandinavian countries for a time, or go direct to Berlin.

LONDON APPLAUDS

No Further Negotiations Until
Innocents Are Safeguarded.Editors Admittedly Mystified by
Bryan's Resignation.

NOTE IS WORTHY OF SUPPORT

Chronicle Says Germany Has
Chance to "Save Her Face."Document Friendly Reaffirma-
tion of International Law.

London, June 12.—The afternoon newspapers of London take much the same view of Secretary Bryan's resignation as this morning newspapers, expressing inability to understand Mr. Bryan's action. The Westminster Gazette characterizes it as "mystifying," and says it seems as though he considered the American note to Germany in the nature of an ultimatum founded on force.

It may be the Germans will take it so, the editorial adds, but it points out that "the next word is for Berlin and it is useless for us to speculate on the course of events."

"President Wilson places himself in the line of direct descent from the great presidents," says the Westminster Gazette.

Courteous, But Firm.

The London morning newspapers in their editorials, while remarking on the note's extreme courtesy, combined

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ALIES IN VICTORY

Big Gains Claimed on Russ,
Italian and Peninsula Lines.Muscovites Turn Tide on Gory
Galician Field.

Berlin, June 12.—General Von Linsingen has recaptured Zarow, 20 miles east of Strz, driving the Russians from the head and across the Dniester. It was officially announced this afternoon.

This is the first indication from either Berlin or Petrograd that the Russian drive had swept the Germans out of Zarow.

On three of the principal battle fronts of Europe, successes for the allies are reported—on the Russian and Italian fronts, and on Gallipoli peninsula. Over the Franco-Belgian line no movements of more than passing importance are under way and neither side can claim conspicuous advantage.

Recent Russian claims that the tide of battle has turned in Galicia are accentuated by an official statement from Petrograd today, in which the Austro-German forces south of Lemberg have sustained severe defeats.

Germans Lose Many to Foe.

Capture of several villages is announced and it is said many prisoners and much war material were taken.

The Italian advance across the Isonzo river has not been checked. Occupation of the town of Gradisca, six miles southwest of Gorizia, is reported by the Italian military authorities.

Possession of this town and of Monfalcone, near the Gulf of Trieste, would appear to give the Italians a firm hold on the lower Isonzo.

Advance on Peninsula.

Unofficial reports from Athens indicate that the allies have made greater advances than has been claimed in the official statements from Paris and London, which give few details.

It is said the allies are now close to the town of Gallipoli, which is near the neck of the peninsula, on the straits at the entrance to the sea of Marmora.

The allies are reported also to have occupied hills around Maldo, about fifteen miles from the tip of the peninsula.

Another British steamer and two more British trawlers have been sunk by German submarines, with no loss of life.

TENNIS HONOR TO GIRL

Young Norwegian Star Wins Singles
Championship of U. S.

Philadelphia, June 12.—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the young Norwegian star, today won the lawn tennis singles championship of the United States by defeating Mrs. George Wightman, of Boston, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Today's Temperatures.

The temperature today was the highest since May 14.—88 degrees at 2 o'clock. The heat was oppressive because of the humidity. The hourly readings:

7 o'clock.....75 11 o'clock.....85
8 o'clock.....77 12 o'clock.....88
9 o'clock.....80 1 o'clock.....87
10 o'clock.....83 2 o'clock.....88FLOOD DANGERS
PAST IN TOPEKAKaw River Is Falling and
Creeks Are in Banks.Clear Weather Forecast Prom-
ises No More Trouble.

TRIBUTARIES AT STANDSTILL

Streams Above Will Not Boom
Conditions Here.Shunganunga and Soldier Down
to Peace Stage Again.

The Kaw river at Topeka is slowly falling today, the high water mark having been reached at 10 o'clock Friday night, when the stage was 22.7 feet. The stage this afternoon was 20.3 feet, a drop of 2.4 feet since last night.

The condition along the tributaries of the Kaw is favorable and there may be a drop of two or three feet at Topeka in the next twenty-four hours.

Word was received from Concordia today that the Republican river had again fallen to the point. The government report showed the stage at Abilene to be 17 feet or a fall of a fraction of a foot in twenty-four hours. The Smoky Hill river at Abilene showed a stage of 20 feet or a rise of six-tenths of a foot. The Blue at Blue Rapids was seventeen feet or a six-tenths foot rise. The Kaw at Wamego was 15.2 feet, a drop of two-tenths of a foot since Friday afternoon.

At Kansas City Now.

Kansas City is having her worries (Continued on Page 2.)

BANDITS ROB TRAIN

Passengers on S. P. Flyer Held
Up by Two-Masked Men.Thieves Escape Coast Express
Amid Shower of Bullets.

Los Angeles, June 12.—Two masked robbers, with revolvers drawn, boarded a Southern Pacific train en route from San Francisco to Los Angeles at Chatsworth, at midnight last night, robbed passengers of \$565 and escaped.

Men and women in the last four coaches of the train were compelled to give up their money and jewelry. After collecting their booty, the robbers pulled the signal, stopping the train at Hewitt and fled.

Officials said today they believed an accomplice was waiting near the station with a motor car to aid the men in escaping.

Many shots were fired at the men as they swung from the train. They returned the fire. No one was hit. Officers throughout this section began search for the men at daybreak.

Tourists flocked around police headquarters today reporting losses. Among those robbed were J. H. and L. A. Novak of Oak Park, a Jeweler of Chicago; Mrs. Joseph Falat and Mr. and Mrs. E. Klicka, Chicago, and Ralph Dorr, Abilene, Tex.

FINAL PLEA FOR FRANK

Attorney for Condemned Man Tells
Slaton Conley Is Slayer.

Atlanta, June 12.—Attorneys for Leo M. Frank today began before Governor Slaton their final effort to gain commutation of their client's death sentence to life imprisonment. Former Congressman W. M. Howard, appearing in Frank's behalf, announced he would not present new evidence or introduce new witnesses, but would rely on the record in the case and such evidence as had already been laid before the Georgia special legislation.

Solicitor Dorsey, former Governor Joseph M. Brown and A. E. Stephens were among those to oppose Frank's appeal for clemency.

"We expect to convince you by what is contained in the records," Howard said, "that Frank is innocent. I shall show by the record that Frank logically could not have had a part in Mary Phagan's murder. I shall also undertake to show that the negro, James Conley, first robbed, then assaulted and finally murdered the girl."

ZINC ORE STILL SOARS

Price at 130 Highest Ever Known at
Webb City, Mo.

Webb City, Mo., June 12.—High grade zinc ore sold for 130 cents here today, the highest price ever recorded in the local market. At Joplin yesterday a new record was made when 125 a ton was paid as a basis price for zinc ore.

Lead Up to Seven Cents.

New York, June 12.—Announcement was made today that American Smelting & Refining company has advanced the price of lead from 6 1/2 to 7 cents.

Suit Against Smelter Trust.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 12.—Attorney General Barker of Missouri, has announced he will file quo warranto proceedings against an alleged smelter trust in the Missouri superior court probably within a few days.

Attorney General Barker said, are to the effect that the smelters in the Joplin district have combined to control the price of zinc ore. The federal government also is investigating such a charge.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Generally fair tonight and Sunday; cooler tonight and east portion Sunday.

TOPEKA ALMOST
A FLYLESS TOWNIn Two Years the Pest Has
Been Nearly Eradicated.The Expense of the War Has
Been \$45.45.

HORSES NO LONGER WEAR NETS

Bounty Is Increased Without
Bringing Any Claimants.Number of Flies Destroyed Es-
timated at 12,969,880.

TOPEKA'S FLY CAMPAIGN.

1913—1 peck flies.....\$5.00
1913—70.00 peck flies.....35.00
1914—34.50 quart flies.....2.40
1914—7.00 quart flies.....1.05
1915—1.00 quart flies.....1.00Total 70.00 Quarts.....\$45.45
Total number of flies destroyed.....12,969,880

"Any city can rid itself of flies. Any part of a city can free itself of flies. The time will come when any city will be ashamed to have flies."

J. A. RAMSEY,
City Sanitary Sergeant.

There are no flies in Topeka—that is, there are hardly any.

It cost the city of Topeka just \$45.45 to rid itself of the fly pest. As a pest, flies do not exist in Topeka. There are not enough of them to be counted.

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CONEY CAN HAVE
HIS PETITIONSSupreme Court Refuses to Or-
der Another Election.Opinion on Mortgage Registra-
tion Tax Law Is Held Up.

ROBERTS JUDGMENT REDUCED

Wolf Packing Company Must
Pay Damages of \$1,928.87.City of Topeka's Reserve Tax
Levy Is Declared Illegal.

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